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**PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT ANNOUNCES  
AMENDMENTS TO FEE SCHEDULE**

On July 8, Governor Deval Patrick signed legislation which amends the fees of the Probate and Family Court. The effective date of the revised fee schedule is July 9, 2012. The revised fee schedule includes specific references to many actions and pleadings that are being used under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code. Of particular importance is the change to the fees for the first bond and first letter. Under the new fee schedule, there is no separate charge for the initial appointment bond of the fiduciary, or for the issuance of the first letter. Filings that have been mailed and are postmarked prior to the effective date of the fees will be processed using the fee schedule in place on the date of the postmark. Any pleadings that are filed or postmarked on or after the effective date will be processed using the amended fee schedule.

The fee schedule for the Probate and Family Court can be found at  
[http://www.mass.gov/courts/courtsandjudges/courts/probateandfamilycourt/documents/scheduleoffees\\_color.pdf](http://www.mass.gov/courts/courtsandjudges/courts/probateandfamilycourt/documents/scheduleoffees_color.pdf)